

**AMENDMENT TO SPECIFICATION:**

**Please replace paragraph [0020] as identified in the published application 2006/0293936 with the revised paragraph [0020] below:**

[0020] With reference to FIG. 1, there is depicted a block chart illustrating the inventive components for transforming an offering describing a customer specific service environment in business terms into a machine-readable and executable customer specific service environment definition which can be processed by a resource management system. The inventive components may be preferably implemented in a client-server architecture in which the customer uses a client system 150 (having customer business requirements 152) with an operating system like Microsoft Windows, and Internet Browser like Netscape, and the service provider uses a server system 100 like IBM pseries with an operating system like IBM AIX, an application server like IBM WebSphere Application Server, and a Web server. The server of the service provider 100 has access to a pool of resources 133 like hardware, programs, networks, disks etc via a resource management system 132. The pool of resources may be owned and managed by the service provider himself or the service provider uses another service provider's pool of resources.

**Please replace paragraph [0028] as identified in the published application 2006/0293936 with the revised paragraph [0028] below:**

[0028] An aggregated resource type contains references to one or more other resource types with certain parameters for them or a certain combination of them or both. E.g. an aggregated resource type 'HIGH-SECURE FIREWALL' may reference to the 'STANDARD FIREWALL' with configuration parameter to only open a first port-80, where 'MEDIUM-SECURE FIREWALL' references the same 'STANDARD FIREWALL' but with configuration parameters to open port ~~80-the first port AND 4024~~and a second port. An example where multiple resource types are referenced is the aggregated resource type 'SECURE WEBSERVER' which may reference a

`WEBSERVER` resource type and a `FIREWALL` resource type with their appropriate parameters.

**Please replace paragraph [0037] as identified in the published application 2006/0293936 with the revised paragraph [0037] below:**

[0037] The method works recursively, which means for each expanded child node in the topology tree, it searches for the categorization information in the resource catalog 300-400 and expands it, if found and so on. The recursion 300 ends, if a base resource type is referenced which is not further expandable. In this case the node is a leaf node in the tree 700-800. It represents a specific base resource which has to be managed in the customer specific service environment implementing the offering.